

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) An electrical contact, comprising:

an Ag alloy containing Sn in an amount of from 1 to 9% by weight and Cd in an amount of from 0% to less than 0.01% by weight, ~~inclusive, to less than 0.01% by weight~~ and having a two-layer structure composed of a first layer ~~on a surface side thereof~~ and a second layer formed over the first layer on an inner side thereof,

wherein the first layer has an average hardness of 150 or more on the microvickers scale defined by JIS and a thickness of 10 μm or more, and

the second layer has an average hardness of more than 130 on the microvickers scale.

2. (Original) The electrical contact as described in Claim 1, wherein the average hardness of the aforesaid first layer is 190 or more on the aforesaid scale.

3. (Previously presented) The electrical contact as described in Claim 1, wherein In is incorporated therein in an amount of from 1% to 9% by weight in addition to Sn.

4. (Previously presented) The electrical contact as described in Claim 1, wherein as additive components other than Sn and In there are incorporated at least one selected from the group of elements consisting of Sb, Ca, Bi, Ni, Co, Zn, Cu, Mo, W, Ge, Te, Cr and Pb.

5. (Previously presented) An electrical apparatus using an electrical contact as described in Claim 1.

6. (Previously presented) An electrical apparatus using an electrical contact as described in Claim 2.

7. (Previously presented) An electrical apparatus using an electrical contact as described in Claim 3.

8. (Previously presented) An electrical apparatus using an electrical contact as described in Claim 4.

9. (New) The electrical contact as described in claim 1, wherein the first layer has a first horizontal surface and a second horizontal surface, and two vertical surfaces extending between the first horizontal surface to the second horizontal surface, and

the second layer is formed on the first horizontal surface over the first layer, on the second horizontal surface below the first layer, and on the two vertical surfaces of the first layer.

10. (New) The electrical contact as described in claim 1, wherein the first layer has a first horizontal surface and a second horizontal surface, and two vertical surfaces extending between the first horizontal surface to the second horizontal surface, and

the second layer is formed on the first horizontal surface over the first layer and on the two vertical surfaces of the first layer.